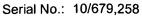
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Response to Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 2, 2006, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the period of response up to and including July 3, 2006 (July 2nd being a Sunday). Applicants request reconsideration of the present application.